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PATENT APPLICATION
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NRC-P57

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION OF

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SERIAL NUMBER: 09/849,717

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TITLE: METALOTHERMIC REDUCTION
OF REFRACTORY METAL OXIDES)

) GROUP NO.: 1742

) EXAMINER: G. P. WYSZOMIERSKI

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002.

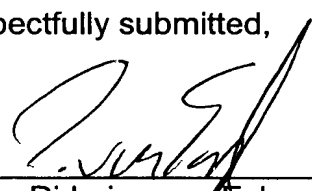
Restriction Requirement

The Office Action made a restriction requirement, alleging that Claims 1-18 and 21-23 (Group 1) and Claims 19, 20, and 24-49 (Group 2) were distinct.

In response to the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect Claims 1-18, and 21-23 for further prosecution. The election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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